

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masanori Hangai et al.
Title: BALLOON CATHETER
Docket No.: 40599

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The examination of the PCT International Application No. PCT/JP2004/018861 corresponding with the above-identified case disclosed the publications listed in the enclosed copy of Patent Office Form PTO/SB/08A.

For the Examiner's convenience, it is noted that U.S. Patent No. 6,632,235 corresponds with WO 2002/0085227 A1 and, therefore, a copy of the '227 publication is not enclosed herewith.

It is requested that the publications noted herein be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the examination of this application.

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